

REMARKS

By the *Office Action* of 29 August 2005, Claims 1-12 are pending in the Application and all claims have been rejected. Further, Examiner has objected to the *Specification*, because it does not include certain section headings. Applicant files the present *Response and Amendment* in an effort to move the case to issuance.

No new matter is believed introduced by the present *Response and Amendment*. It is respectfully submitted that the present Application is in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

1. The Specification

Applicant respectfully submits that the addition of, and amendments to, paragraphs of the *Specification* as presented herein address the Examiner's objections. More specifically, the appropriate section headings have been added and all references to the claims within the *Specification* have been removed. Further, Applicant provides amendments to the *Specification* to further clarify the invention as presently claimed.

2. The Claims

Claims 1 and 5 have been objected to by the Examiner for informalities with regard to the wording of the elements. Applicant has canceled Claim 1 and introduced new independent Claim 13, which has corrected such informality. Additionally, Claim 5 has been amended to correct the specified informality, as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 1-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. More specifically, Examiner rejects Claims 1 and 6 for insufficient antecedent basis for several limitations of the claims. Applicant has canceled Claims 1 and 4, introduced a new independent Claim 13, and amended Claims 2, 3, and 5-12 to better clarify the claimed subject matter of the invention and to correct insufficient antecedent basis for the several limitations of the claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the Claims as amended particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention.

Claims 1-4, 8, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,705,128 to *Krude* in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,418,744 to *Bullamy et al.* Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Krude* in view of

Ballamy et al., and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 4,669,559 to *Fukui*. Claims 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Krude* in view of *Ballamy et al.*, and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 3,952,824 to *Marschinsky*.

Applicant has cancelled Claims 1 and 4, introduced a new independent Claim 13, and amended Claims 2, 3, and 5-12 to ultimately depend from independent Claim 13. Claim 13 comprises elements that are not taught, described, suggested, or rendered obvious by *Krude*, *Ballamy et al.*, *Fukui*, *Marschinsky*, or a combination thereof. All the remaining Claims not canceled ultimately depend from Claim 13, and thus all remaining Claims are believed allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the objections and rejections have been overcome.

3. Fees

This *Response and Amendment* is being filed within six months of the *Office Action*, and more specifically within three months, thus no extension of time fee is believed due.

The number of pending Claims is less than those paid upon filing, thus no Claim fees are believed due.

Nonetheless, should any fees be due, authorization to charge deposit account No. 20-1507 is hereby expressly given.

CONCLUSION

By the present *Response and Amendment*, the Application is believe to be in form for allowance. Should the Examiner have any further questions or reservations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned Attorney at 404.885.3538.

Respectfully submitted,

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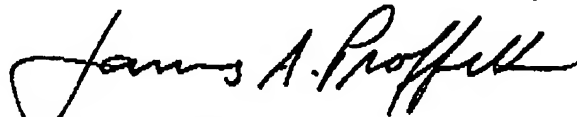
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